

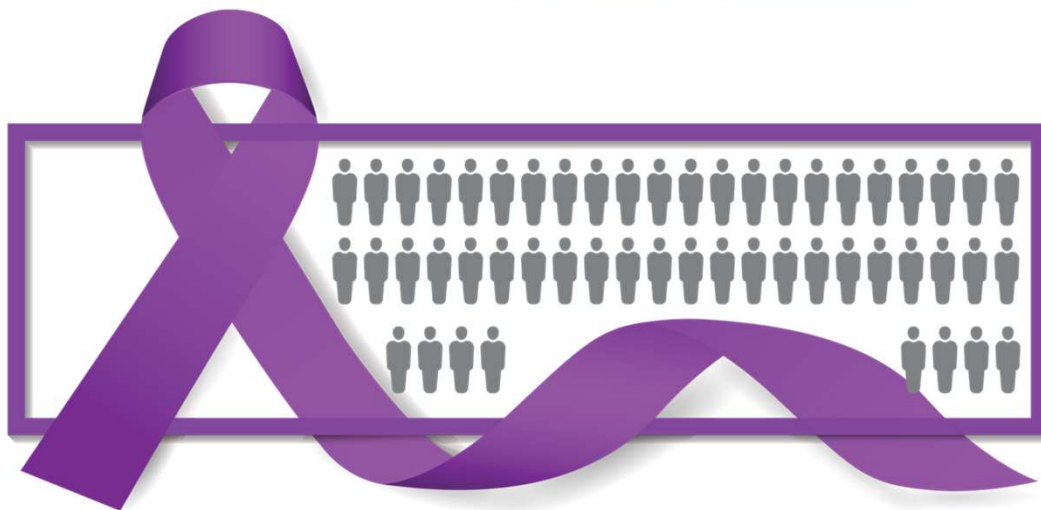


## Overdose Awareness Month

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2024 in Dakota County



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## Overdose Awareness Month 2025



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## Prevention Efforts



- Community Trainings
- Naloxone Access Points
- Support for schools, cities, and community organizations
- Opioid Response Advisory Committee
- Strategic Plan
- Internal Partnerships
- Communications and Social Media
- Community Health Improvement Plan
- Data monitoring and reporting requirements
- Outreach, awareness, education, and stigma reduction



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## Cities



### Direct Allocation

- Apple Valley
- Burnsville
- Eagan
- Farmington
- Hastings
- Inver Grove Heights
- Lakeville
- Mendota Heights
- Rosemount
- South St. Paul
- West St. Paul

### County Allocation (March 2024)

- Farmington
- Hastings
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## Social Services and Sheriff's Office



Social Services and Sheriff's Office partner to provide assessment, treatment and service coordination to inmates with SUD:

- SUD comprehensive assessment
- Treatment coordination, including transitions from jail to treatment
- Jail Treatment Program (outpatient treatment for people in Dakota County jail since 2008)
- ***New starting September 2024*** - Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program, evidence-based program funded with Opioid Settlement dollars.

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# MOUD



## MOUD Program:

- Assessment and treatment coordination for people in the Dakota County jail. Services provided by two social workers and one coordinator, in partnership with Sheriff's Office.

## Referral Sources:

- Self, Community Corrections, Social Services, Sheriff's Office, contracted medical provider, other contracted providers in the jail.

## Early Outcomes (September 1, 2024 to August 5, 2025)

- 128 referrals from Sheriff's Office's contracted medical provider
  - 82 of the 128 individuals offered chemical health services (64%)
  - 46 of these individuals (35%) were not offered services due to quick releases (within 24 hours) from custody
  - Of the 82 individuals offered services, 70 accepted; an 85% engagement rate.
- An *additional* 177 individuals were not prescribed medications while in custody but did receive assessment and treatment coordination, including referrals to community-based MOUD services.

Client stories, shared with permission

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# MOUD (Cont.)



## Evidence-Based:

Minnesota Results First lists medication-assisted treatment as "proven effective" with a State benefit cost ratio of \$2.60.

### Pharmacotherapies: Buprenorphine for opioids

Buprenorphine/buprenorphine-naloxone maintenance for opioids is a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid dependence. Medication is dispensed daily and is typically provided in conjunction with counseling therapies. Treatment alleviates withdrawal symptoms, suppresses opiate effects, and, when combined with naloxone, decreases risk of overdose (WSIPP 2017e).

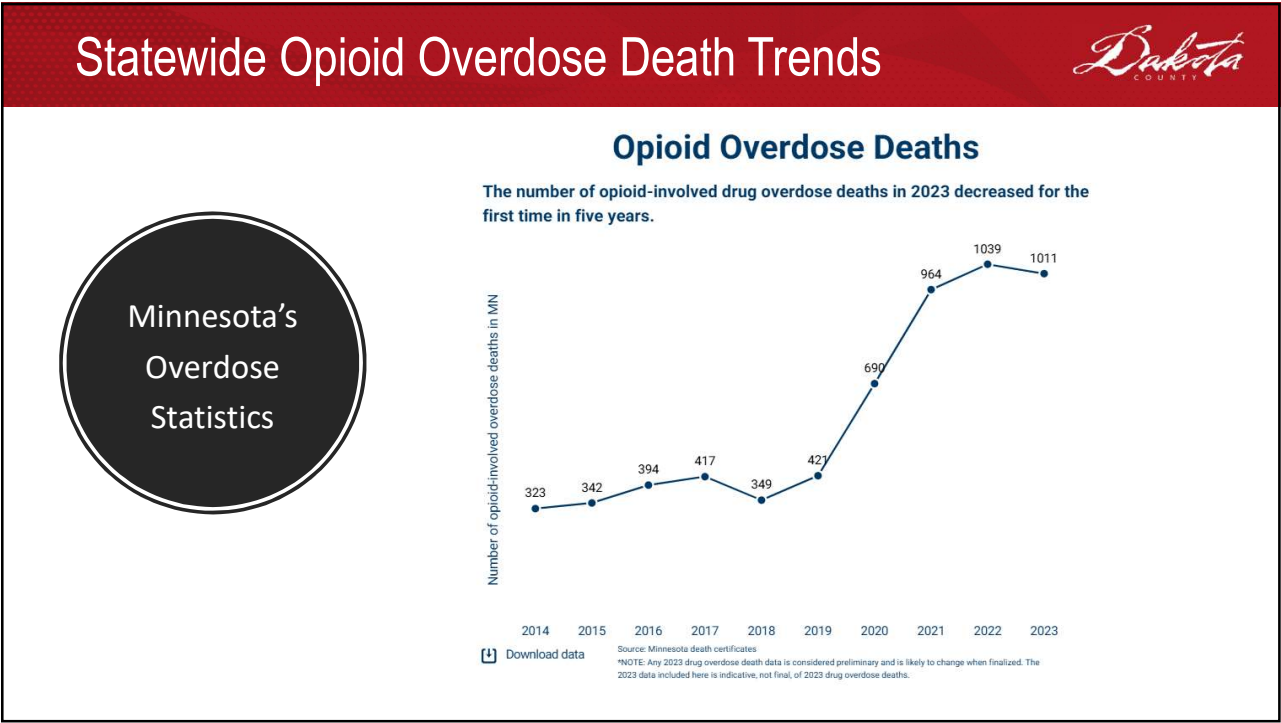
Impact on outcomes	Source of evidence	Continuum of care category	Funding Source
Proven effective	Washington State Institute of Public Policy	Treatment	DHS, Federal SABG, CCDF/MA, private insurance

### Benefit-cost analysis (compared to treatment as usual):

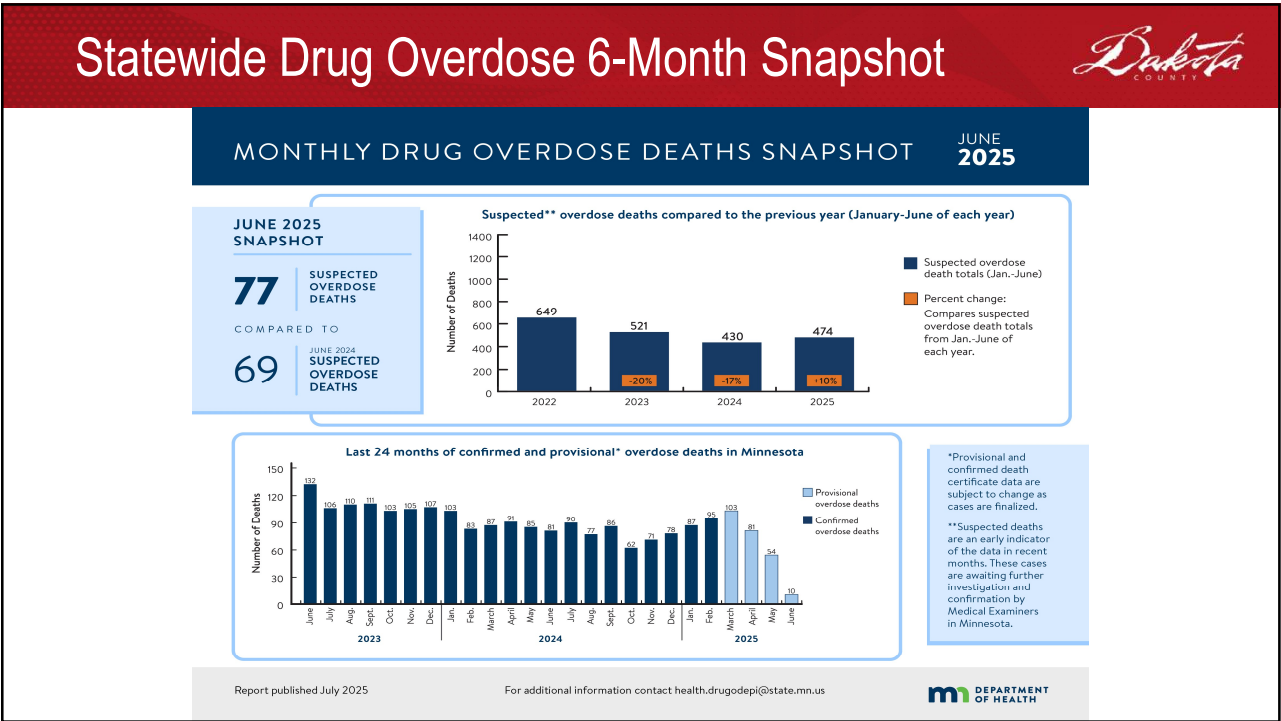
State ratio	Type	Minnesota total	State and local taxpayer	Other Minnesota societal benefits	Federal
\$2.60	Benefits	\$7,850	\$370	\$7,480	\$680
	Net costs	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,410
	B/C ratio	\$2.60	\$0.10	\$2.50	\$0.50

Source: Minnesota Management and Budget, Results First Adult and Youth Substance Use Benefit Cost Analysis, September 2017. Available at: [Adult and Youth Substance Use Benefit-Cost Analysis](#)

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# Dakota County Overdose Deaths



**Figure 1. 12 Month-ending Provisional Counts of Drug Overdose Deaths for Dakota County, Minnesota**

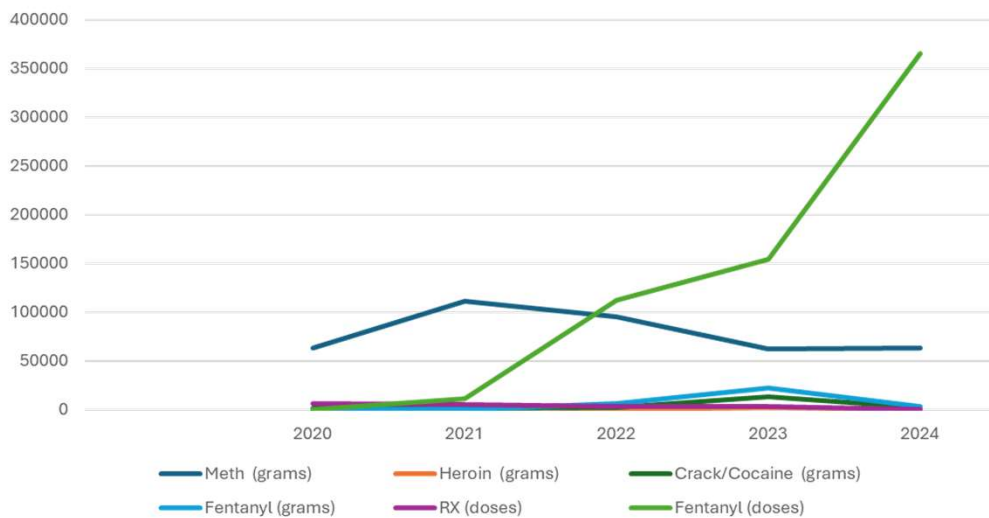


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# Drug Seizure Trends



**Dakota County Drug Seizures**



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## Awareness and Strategy



- Dakota County Drug Task Force & member agencies present to schools and community groups:
  - 2024 – 35 presentations to approximately 2,000 attendees
  - 2025 YTD – 22 presentations approximately 700 attendees
- Strategic Approach
  - Prevention and awareness
  - Treatment and rehabilitation
  - Legislation and policy
  - Enforcement and prosecution

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## Litigation Update



### Purdue Pharma, L.P. and Sackler Family

- The original bankruptcy plan was rejected by the US Supreme Court
- A new settlement has been negotiated

### Generic Opioid Manufacturers

- A group of nine small manufacturers have agreed to proposed settlements.

The County Attorney provided a confidential memorandum explaining the settlement. The Board will have an opportunity to discuss and take action on the settlements later in this meeting.

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## Recommendation



Staff recommends that the Dakota County Board of Commissioners proclaim August as Overdose Awareness Month in Dakota County and support efforts to promote overdose awareness, evidence-based prevention education, and access to services and supports to serve the mental health and substance use needs of the residents of Dakota County.

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## Questions

Thank you!

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